

Senator Taylor, Rep Salinas, Rep Boshart-Davis,

My name is Teresa Burns, I am a long time resident of Oregon. This is my testimony on redistricting maps. Under the current district maps, 30% of the members of the Oregon House represent at least some portion of the City of Portland, while Portland only represents 15% of the total population of Oregon. Leaving Portland with an oversize voice in the political process. Given everything that went on this past 18 months, I do not want Portland to be a representation of my voice.

Several of the maps would lead to further over representation by Portland-area voters at the expense of rural Oregon. One map would put Portland voters in control of selecting 4/6 members of our congressional delegation. There was an Oregonian analysis that shows 5/6 of these seats - approximately 86% - would likely be controlled by one party. We already have a super majority in both the house and senate, which has proved to be beneficial to only democrats. Clearly drowning out the voices of conservative voters who may not agree with many of the laws and bills that have been passed. 554 the new gun law, is a great example, a bill I wrote testimony on and feel my voice was killed.

Lawmakers need to set aside their own personal and political biases in favor of transparent process and maps that lead to fair representation of all Oregonians. What may be good for urban area voters may not be the view of rural area voters.

Therefore I oppose Maps A & C in favor of Map B, that would keep my county closer together with others that have the same interests and ideals.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Teresa E Burns